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SUBJ: ILO: POSTPONEMENT OF FEBRUARY 7 MEETING OF GOVERN-
MENT GROUP ON STRUCTURE

REF: (A) GENEVA 270; (B) KINSHASA 382

1. SUMMARY: THIS MESSAGE CONCERNS PROCEDURE U.S.
AND INDUSTRIALIZED MEMBERS OF GOVERNMENT GROUP OF
ILO WORKING PARTY ON STRUCTURE SHOULD FOLLOW IF THEY
DECIDE TO REQUEST POSTPONEMENT OF FEBRUARY 7 MEETING
OF GOVERNMENT GROUP. END SUMMARY.

2. FRANCIS WOF, ILO LEGAL ADVISER, SAID THAT OFFICERS
OF ILO GOVERNING BODY CAN TAKE DECISION TO POSTPONE
FEBRUARY 7 MEETING OF GOVERNMENT GROUP OF WP ON
STRUCTURE IF REQUEST IS MADE BY A GOVERNMENT OR
SEVERAL GOVERNMENTS WHO ARE MEMBERS OF WP. GOVERNING
BODY OFFICERS WOULD BE ACTING ON BEHALF OF GOVERNING
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BODY ITSELF, WHICH HAS BEEN REQUESTED BY THE INTERNATIONAL
LABOR CONFERENCE TO ARRANGE THE MEETINGS OF THE WORKING
PARTY ON STRUCTURE. ILO GOVERNING BODY OFFICERS WILL BE
MEETING HERE ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 21. ALTHOUGH U.S.
COULD MAKE REQUEST DIRECTLY TO GOVERNING BODY OFFICERS,
WOLF SUGGESTS THAT REQUEST BE MADE BY CHAIRMAN OF GOVERN-
MENT GROUP OF WP, IRANIAN AMBASSADOR AZIMI. WE HAVE

INFORMALLY ASKED AZIMI IF HE WOULD MAKE REQUEST TO GB OFFICERS AND HE HAS AGREED TO DO SO IF WE MAKE FORMAL REQUEST TO HIM. AZIMI SUGGESTED U.S. BE JOINED BY OTHER GOVERNMENTS.

3. GB OFFICERS WOULD ALSO HAVE TO TAKE DECISION TO POSTPONE MEETING OF TRIPARTITE WORKING PARTY ON STRUCTURE SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 7 IN ORDER TO ALLOW SUFFICIENT TIME TO NOTIFY MEMBERS OF WP ABOUT CHANGE OF SCHEDULE (MEETING OF WP MAKES NO SENSE UNLESS PRECEDED BY MEETING OF GOVERNMENT GROUP).

4. WE BELIEVE U.S. SHOULD SEEK POSTPONEMENT OF GOVERNMENT GROUP MEETING FROM FEBRUARY 7 TO MARCH 7 AND AT THE SAME TIME REQUEST POSTPONEMENT OF FULL WORKING PARTY MEETING TO MID-MAY. THIS WOULD ALLOW SUFFICIENT TIME FOR IMEC CONSULTATIONS SUGGESTED REF A. UNTIL WE RECEIVE INSTRUCTIONS ON DATES, WE WILL INFORMALLY APPROACH FRIENDLY GOVERNMENTS ON WORKING PARTY TO SEE WHETHER THEY WILL SUPPORT US IN POSTPONEMENT MOVE.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: INSTRUCTIONS ON REQUEST FOR POSTPONEMENT.CATTO

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